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MONDAY WAS ONE GREAT DAY

Cannon Roared, Bells Rang and Whistles Squealed Celebrating Great Event

Although the town is in a state of coma owing to quarantine regulations, it had a slight awakening last Monday morning when the news came over the wire that Germany had signed the armistice, which amounts practically to unconditional surrender for that country.

The first intimation that the signing had taken place was when the old fire bell on the city hall started clanging just before ten o'clock in the morning. Excited householders stuck their heads out of doors and windows to inquire what the trouble was, and when they were told that peace had come hurriedly ducked back only to reappear with flags that were tacked by the doors and windows.

After the fire bell had stopped ringing they must have been Kaiser Bill's effigy to a whistle and at Treadwell, for the whistle started screaming and kept it up for about half an hour and in the meantime every bell on the island took up the refrain that surely sounded awful, but with a sweet music to the ears when it was realized for what purpose it was being done.

While all the other noise was going on, George Johnson got a keg of black powder and, surrounded by a group of open-mouthed small boys, loaded and fired the old Russian cannon on Second street, which helped materially in the noise making. This was the first time the old cannon, which by the way, has quite a history, having been a part of the defense of Sitka during the Russian occupation and being over a hundred years old, had been fired for a long time. (The fact is the cannon had not been fired since the night it bombarded the hills when news was received here, over a dozen years ago, of the removal of an unpopular judge to Juneau.)

It was a happy day and a noisy one, and if it had not been for the quarantine would have been otherwise fittingly observed with public excitement and speeches. These things will, however, come later when the final peace treaties are signed, and then we hope that there will be no flu or face masks, and young and old America will be able to gather together and make the eagle scream.

STEAM WHALERS FINISH SEASON

Big Whaling Vessels Reach Seattle From Their Season's Work in Alaskan Waters

After a successful season in Alaskan waters, the steam whalers Unimak, Kodiak, Tanginok and Peterson reached Seattle a few days ago with the results of their year's work.

The Kodiak, blue ribbon vessel of the fleet, which bagged a total of 111 big mammals during the summer, was the first to arrive in Seattle from Alaska. The vessel's crew killed 23 blue whales, eight sperm whales and 74 finbacks and humbacks during the season. Officers of the Kodiak said that unfavorable weather was experienced early in the summer but later in the season the weather improved and a fine record was made.

The Unimak bagged 87, the Tanginok 42 and the Peterson 78 of the big mammals. The vessels operated off the Aleutian Islands in the Bering sea, and the North Pacific near Unimak Pass. The largest mammal killed during the season was a blue whale 35 feet in length which weighed more than 34 tons.

The Kodiak, Tanginok and Unimak are owned by the North Pacific Sea Products Company and the Peterson by the American Pacific Whaling Company, subsidiary corporations of the Victoria Whaling Company. During the past summer the Peterson was operated by the North Pacific Sea Products Company.

The season just closed is the most prosperous in the history of the whaling industry on the North Pacific and the hardy crews of the vessels now bound for Seattle will have a record payday when they reach port. One of the officers of the Kodiak, which was paid off a few days ago, received more than \$3,000 for his summer's work in the North.

MARINE WAYS

A. E. Gurr, H. W. Irvine and J. W. Martin are constructing a marine ways and boat house in the rear of the News office where the blacksmith shop formerly stood. The ways will be used for pulling up and the house for providing winter quarters for the above named gentlemen's two crack cruisers, the Betty and Junior Kid.

GOING TO KETCHIKAN

Miss Nora A. Museth, for the past four and a half years assistant in the Douglas post office, is leaving on the steamer Jefferson to take a position as assistant postmaster in the Ketchikan post office. The change is a promotion, as the salary will be much higher than that in the Douglas office, and is a recognition of merit.

While in Ketchikan, Miss Museth will make her home with her sister, Mrs. Jack Davies.

CLOSE ELECTION —STILL IN DOUBT—

Wickersham Still in Lead but Democrats Still Have Hopes for Their Man

The Alaska delegate election is a close race again this year and just at present Judge Wickersham leads Delegate Sulzer by 50 votes. Mr. Sulzer, as it was predicted, carried the First Division by 72 votes, and as far as reported so far the Third Division by 195. Judge Wickersham carried the Second by 170 votes and the Fourth Division by 59. It is claimed that these leads will be increased when all the returns are in, and if the returns keep coming in as they have from the remote precincts, Mr. Sulzer will be elected. In the past day or two nearly every precinct reported has given Mr. Sulzer more votes than his opponent.

In the First division a Democratic senator and three democratic representatives have been elected, the representatives being Casey, Sowerby and White, democrats, and Davies, republican. Perry Wiley, democrat, was elected road commissioner. Jack Davies, the only republican elected in the First division is well known on Douglas Island, having married Miss Annie Museth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Museth of Douglas, a number of years ago. At that time he was a deputy U. S. marshal stationed at Juneau. He is now engaged in the insurance and cannery business at Ketchikan.

AND OURS COMES BY FREIGHT & EXPRESS

New York-Chicago Air Mail Route to be Inaugurated Early Part of December

Postmaster General Burleson announces that the New York-Chicago air-mail route will be inaugurated between December 1 and December 15. The exact time of the establishment of the service will depend upon the time of the receipt by the post office department of the necessary airplanes to operate the line.

The city of Cleveland has set apart for use as an air-mail field at Woodland Hills park, a magnificent pleasure ground, and will place on it a hangar costing \$10,000. Work on this aviation field was begun last week.

The city of Chicago has given the use of Grant's Park as an aviation field for the landing of mail ships, and the Aero Club of Illinois has tendered the use of Ashburn Field for hangars, work shops and bunk houses for the mechanical forces. The Association of Commerce of Chicago voted an allotment of \$15,000 for an air-mail hangar.

Bryan, Ohio, the intermediary stopping point between Chicago and Cleveland for exchange of mail and loading of airplanes, has furnished the post office department with a suitable ground and hangar.

Representatives of the post office department will be in Clarion, Bellefonte and Leighton, Pa., this week, to arrange for the immediate erection of hangars and preparation of fields at those points.

The New York-Chicago route will be laid out in three legs, the first from New York to Bellefonte, Pa., a distance of 215 miles, with an emergency station and machine midway at Leighton; the second leg from Bellefonte to Cleveland, a distance of 215 miles, with an emergency station at Clarion, Pa., a distance of 87 miles from Bellefonte; the third leg from Cleveland to Chicago, a distance of 323 miles, with an intermediate mailing station at Bryan.

The plan of operation during the unfavorable winter months contemplates the airplanes leaving Chicago and New York each morning at 6 o'clock, with a capacity of about 20,000 letters and making the trip, including all stops, within a period of 19 hours.

MARRIED IN DOUGLAS

Miss Esther Nelson and Thomas Darby, of Juneau, were married by Commissioner Henson at his office on last Saturday night. Emil Uberti and Mike Pusich were the witnesses. Both the bride and groom are employed in a restaurant in Juneau and will make their home there in the Bergman apartments.

SAFETY MEASURES ARE BEING TAKEN

Everyone in Douglas Required to Wear "Flu" Mask to Prevent Spread of Disease

Starting the first of the week, the city health authorities, with the sanction of the Territorial Board of Health, made it compulsory for everyone in Douglas to wear a mask while away from their homes, and swore in J. D. Bagley as special officer to see that the law was obeyed. There were a few arrests and the maximum penalty of \$25 being assessed against the ones disobeying the orders, the wearing of masks has now become general. At Treadwell notices were posted asking the employees to wear masks and they have all obeyed.

Travel between Douglas and Juneau has stopped except in cases where it is absolutely necessary, and the ferry trips have been cut to four a day, which are leaving Juneau at 7:10 a. m., 9:00 a. m., 3:10 p. m. and 4:40 p. m., calling at Thane before returning by way of Douglas. No passengers are taken on at Treadwell for Juneau.

Passengers to and from Juneau must wear masks at all times when going to and from the ferry and a watchman is on hand to see that these rules are complied with.

Besides these precautions persons are asked not to congregate in crowds or to linger in business houses and signs to that effect have been posted. To all these measures Douglas can owe its almost complete freedom from influenza, there being but three cases on the island. The three are: Miss Esther Nelson and her little sister, daughters of Anton Nelson, of Third street, Douglas, and Gust Johnson, of Treadwell, who is at the hospital. These cases can be directly traced, as Miss Nelson was employed out of town until recently and traveling back and forth shortly before becoming sick with the disease. Mr. Johnson, who is a relative of the Nelsons, became infected from visiting the house before the doctor was called in and a quarantine declared.

With a couple of hundred cases of the flu in Juneau, many at Ketchikan, Treadwell and other Alaskan cities, if any steps can be taken in this city to prevent it from getting a start here, it is certain that every citizen should do all in his power to aid the authorities in charge. As Seattle an analysis has been made of the cases and it has been found that the face mask is a positive preventative if used according to instructions, which are as follows:

Influenza masks should be large enough to extend well above the nose and below the mouth, covering both, and wide enough to cover the whole front of the face below the eyes.

The mask is made of gauze and should be of four thicknesses, with four strings holding the mask in place, attached to each corner and tied at the back of the head, two above the ears and two below. The mask should be so adjusted that nothing can escape the nose or mouth or enter it, either, while the mask is in place.

The mask should be worn at all times excepting in your own home, to be effective.

To sterilize mask, boil for fifteen minutes once a day, especially at night, to be ready for use in the morning.

Always wear the mask with the same side to the face, the outer side can be marked by black thread which can always be seen.

Don't have the mask too tight and then it will not be uncomfortable. Have it just tight enough to be held in place.

IN NAVY

Nat Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Rogers, former residents of Douglas, but now living at Auburn, Wash., is in the United States navy and is stationed on the Eastern coast, where he is taking special training.

DOUGLAS WEDDING

At 8 o'clock Wednesday evening, U. S. Commissioner John Henson of Douglas united Beatrice Nevill and John Robert Guerin in the bonds of matrimony. The only witnesses to the ceremony outside of the commissioner were Mrs. John Henson and Frank Pearce.

Both the contracting parties are very well and favorably known on the island, the bride having lived at Treadwell for the last half dozen years. The groom was employed at Treadwell but is now employed by the Alaska Electric Light and Power Company as a lineman in Douglas.

The couple will make their future home on Fourth street near Treadwell.

Leave orders for your Thanksgiving turkey at Martin's.

DO'S AND DON'TS FOR INFLUENZA PREVENTION

Wear a mask.
Live a clean, healthy life.
Keep the pores open—that is, bathe frequently.
Wash your hands before each meal.
Live in an abundance of fresh air, day and night.
Keep warm.

Get plenty of sleep.
Gargle frequently (and always after having been out) with a solution of salt in water.
(Half teaspoon of salt to one glass—eight ounces—of water)
Report early symptoms to the doctor at once.
Respect the quarantine regulations.

Avoid crowds. You can get the influenza only by being near some one who is infected.
Avoid persons who sneeze or cough.

Do not neglect your mask.
Do not disregard the advice of a specialist just because you do not understand.
Do not disregard the rights of a community—obey cheerfully the rules issued by the authorities.

Do not think you are entitled to special privileges.
Do not go near other people if you have a cold or fever—you may expose them to the influenza and death. See the doctor.

Do not think it is impossible for you to get or transmit influenza.

Keep your hands out of your mouth.
Do not cough or sneeze in the open.

Do not use a public towel or drinking cup.

Do not visit the sick or handle articles from the sick room.

DON'T WORRY.

JUNEAU GIRL

FIGURES IN SUIT

Former Well Known Juneau Musician Is Sued for Breach of Promise at Seattle

Miss Lulu H. York, who was raised in Juneau where she was known as a fine musician, is being sued in Seattle by a druggist who claims that the young lady broke her promise to marry him. An account from a Seattle paper follows:

"Alleging that after he had given her \$495 in cash and presents, she repudiated her promise to marry him, J. Walter McLean, a pharmacist living at 1514 Westlake Ave., has brought suit in the superior court for \$5,495 against Miss Lulu H. York, a music teacher, 1111 N. 42nd Street.

"McLean, in his complaint, says that on November 17, 1916, Miss York accepted his proposal of marriage, and although he has at all times been ready and willing to carry out their agreement, she has refused, all of which, he alleges, has damaged him to the extent of \$5,000. The plaintiff says the \$495 he asks returned represents \$220 in cash, \$100 Liberty Bond and the value of pictures, cut glassware, a phonograph and records he gave Miss York."

FOR THE WESTWARD

Charles W. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson of this place, passed through here on the boat bound for Latouche last week. Mr. Johnson was accompanied by his wife, who was formerly Miss Sowerby, of Juneau.

Mr. Johnson will accept a position as a mining engineer with the Latouche Copper Mining Co.

Get your Christmas tree decorations while stock is complete. See Martin's now.

LATEST Magazines

—AND— Newspapers

—ALSO FINE—

STATIONERY

FOR SALE AT

GUY'S DRUG STORE

REGULATIONS FOR DRAFT

New Rules in Regards Calling of Men for Army and Making Out Questionnaires

Gov. Thomas Rigg, Jr., has received several telegrams this week from Provost Marshal General Crowder that extend the new regulations with reference to the draft and classification of registrants in Alaska.

The telegrams cancel all calls for men for the army, but provide that calls for men for the navy and marine corps are still effective.

It is provided that there shall be no remission of guilt for deserters or delinquents.

The classification of all those registrants between 18 and 19 and those 37 years of age or older shall cease.

The classification of all those over 19 and under 37 will continue. All induction orders under special calls will be cancelled unless the drafted man has actually enlisted or has become a deserter.

Full text of the final telegram is given below, the information contained above having been in a telegram sent previous.

"Washington, D. C., Nov. 11, 1918. "Hon. Thomas Rigg, Jr., "Governor, Juneau.

"Wire to all local and district boards the following message in full, including paragraph one, two, three and four.

"Paragraph One. The Secretary of War today issued the following order to the Provost Marshal General:

"You will at once instruct state headquarters and local and district boards immediately to discontinue all work connected with the classification of men who on December 16th, 1918, attain their 37th birthday. You will further instruct said boards to continue completion as expeditiously as possible the classification of all registrants who on December 7th, 1918, attain their 19th birthday and who have not attained their 37th birthday. You will finally, at the earliest appropriate moment direct all local and district boards to issue questionnaires to all registrants who on December 16, 1918, have attained their 19th birthday, and to proceed with and complete as early as possible the classification of such registrants.

"Paragraph Two. Further orders will be issued later covering the matter of sending questionnaires to and classifying 18-year old registrants.

"Paragraph Three. In entering pursuant to the foregoing instructions upon what seems, in view of the mighty events of the day, to be the final work of this character to be done by the Selective Service System, I extend to the members of that system my personal congratulations upon their truly great achievements of the past year and a half, achievements that have taxed to the utmost the time, the ability, and the endurance of all those engaged in the work, and that have furnished the army to which in large measure must be given the credit for saving to the world both civilization and government by the peoples. To you, members of that system, must come a sense of duty well done which only a loyalty, patriotism, and devotion such as yours can bring. The country and the world knows that it owes to you a debt of thanks and gratitude which can not be measured by words, but only by the affection, the respect, and the esteem, now yours, of those among whom you live and from whom you have taken that which was beyond price.

"Paragraph Four. In undertaking the completion of your work under the orders above given, I bespeak of you the same interest and tireless energy which has characterized your work in the past."

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YEARNING FOR HOME

In a letter received here today it was learned that Tom Dobson and Leo Young, two former Douglas Island boys are at Port Angeles, Wash., helping construct the many new industries that are going in there. They are counting the days until they can come back to Alaska.

THANKS

Many people, including the force of the News, are smoking fine Havana cigars, the compliments of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Guerin, today.

GOOD NEWS

The Alaska Gastineau people gave out the news yesterday that they would soon put another shift on at their big mill at Thane and in that way double their output of gold. For the past six months only one shift has been running at the mill. The reason given is that more labor was being secured and the management is quite optimistic that after the first of the year another shift, making the full three shifts, will be added which will bring the gold production back to normal for that company.

MONTE BENSON IN SERVICE

Well Known Mining Man and Member of Alaska Legislature Now in the Army

In a letter written by Monte Benson, former foreman of the Mexican mine, from Tacoma on November 5, Mr. Benson says that he had received a commission in an Engineers' regiment and that the day before he had received instructions to proceed to Camp Alexander, Virginia, as soon as possible for training.

Mr. Benson was very enthusiastic about his new work and seemed to think that he would soon be sent to France, where the American engineers will very likely have several years' work on reconstruction of the devastated areas of France and Belgium.

Since the letter was written the situation has changed considerably and it may be possible that no more men will be taken into the army, and that Monte will not get a chance to serve the country.

ALASKAN WATERS STAY DANGEROUS

Department of Commerce Says Has No Money to Safeguard Alaskan Lives Now

Answering telegrams and letters urging immediate appropriations and action for safeguarding Alaskan waters to prevent further loss of life and property, forwarded in the last few days by the Alaska Bureau of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club, the Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., in a letter received today by the bureau, reported an entire lack of funds and the facts and causes, says the Seattle Times of a recent date.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL ALASKANS

Registration Must Continue as if Armistice Had Not Been Signed Is Order

Juneau, Nov. 14, 1918. To all Local Boards: Give widest publicity in press to first paragraph hereof:

Paragraph One. Registration of those between eighteen and forty-six must continue until wholly completed. Those who fail to register will be prosecuted. Each state and territory will be required to prepare complete statistics relative to its man power. Alaska has led the nation in number of inductions in proportion to population, also in proportion of those physically accepted. We must lead at the finish. All persons subject thereto should register and those under thirty-seven submit questionnaires at earliest possible moment and thus expedite work of local board, which has been arduous at best.

Paragraph Two. Local boards should keep a separate and very accurate record to all of whom questionnaires have been mailed or delivered for later insertion in classification list. FINNEGAN, Executive Officer.

PROGRESS OF FLU IN ALASKA

Epidemic Now Seems to Be Worse at Nome and to the Westward —Many Die From It

In some parts of Alaska the influenza epidemic is reaching quite serious proportions and seems to be worse at Nome and Kodiak than at any other points for number of fatalities.

At Sitka 21 cases of influenza are reported, with one death. At Shakan Indian Village, which is some distance from the Treadwell camp, there are numerous cases, and Hyaburg has reported 250 cases with eight deaths. At Kodiak twelve deaths occurred yesterday. At Nome it is not known how many cases there are, but there has been a large number of deaths both among the white people and natives. It was reported last week that a young lady had died at Hoonah from the effects of influenza, but this was an error, as she died of typhoid fever, and there are no cases of flu there.

At Ketchikan there are a large number of cases but the fatalities have been quite light, only three deaths having been reported. Juneau is still reporting new cases each day and a couple of deaths have been reported from there. The city council has asked the citizens to all wear masks and will introduce an ordinance to make it a crime not to wear one.

The government boat that was to leave Seattle with a number of nurses and doctors for Alaska to help fight the epidemic has not left yet, and it is not known when it will leave. Dr. Emil Krull was to have charge of the party.

At all points in Alaska extraordinary precautions are being taken to prevent the disease from coming to town, and if it comes to town to prevent its spreading, and it is likely that many places in the Territory will escape any serious epidemics.

ECHO OF WRECK

An echo of the Princess Sophia wreck is the news dispatch received yesterday from Washington says that the Shipping Board will construct at once on the Great Lakes two survey boats for Alaskan and South Pacific waters. The vessels will be of steel and will be turned over to the Coast and Geodetic Survey. They will cost \$400,000 each.

NOT DEAD

The report of the death of John Olson, former shift boss at the Ready Bullion mine, at Camp Dodge, Iowa, was greatly exaggerated. John says he was sick but that he is better than a dozen dead men right now.

ON JEFFERSON

Dr. Hall, former dentist in Douglas, was a passenger on the Jefferson for Fort William H. Seward, where he will rejoin the hospital corps. He has been in the States to take an examination in the dental corps.

COMFORTABLY SETTLED

In a letter received here from Mrs. D. N. Bairner she says that she and Dave are comfortably settled in quarters at the Post at Fort William H. Seward and that everything there was quiet.